



**Attorney Docket
No. 144237**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James M. Adams, et al.

Serial No.: 10/601,946

Filed: June 23, 2003

Title: PRESSURE LINE SYSTEMS HAVING
BREECHBLOCK CONNECTIONS AND
FOR CONNECTING CHOKE AND
KILL LINES FOR
BLOWOUT PREVENTERS

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Group Art No.: 3672

Examiner: Matthew J. Smith

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

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37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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Anthony F. Matheny

The following Response To Office Action (“Response”) is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 12, 2005. As indicated by the Certificate of Mailing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, this Response is being timely filed, and as such, no fees are due. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner

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is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required (or credit any overpayment) to Account No. 50-0897, Order No. 144237/AFM. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 15, and 17-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 15, and 17-20 are allowed. Claims 21-31 stand rejected. Applicant files this Response and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 21-31 be withdrawn and allowed in light of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.